



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY HAS AS ITS MISSION:

- to form a welcoming community of believers
- to worship God
- to serve God and each other, and
- to spread the Gospel to all

We strive to carry out the teachings of Christ in our daily lives and through our parish activities.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon (except during Lent). Parents must contact the parish office in advance; first-time parents are required to attend a baptism formation session.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism and Confirmation are required to verify their eligibility. They must be fully initiated Catholics who actively practice their faith and are in good standing with the Church. For more information please contact the Parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the parish office for more information about the RCIA.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange for a pastoral visit, Anointing of the Sick, and/or Holy Communion for those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to church.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the wedding. Please contact the parish office before booking a reception venue. Once a wedding date is confirmed, a priest or deacon will assist with the required marriage preparation process.

PARISH OFFICE

Hours ----- Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Phone / Fax----- 908-526-2394 / 908-526-5837
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Fr. Jeff Email ----- FrJeff@holytrinitynj.org
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Under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri

Very Rev. Peter R. Cebulka, C.O. ----- *Provost*

Rev. Jeffrey M. Calia, C.O. ----- *Pastor*

Mr. Michael Forrestall ----- *Deacon*

Mr. John Phalen ----- *Deacon*

Br. John Fredy Triana Beltran, C.O. ----- *Deacon*

MASSES

Saturday ----- 5:00 pm
 Sunday----- 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Holy Days ----- as announced

DAILY MASSES

Holy Trinity: Tuesday & Friday ----- 7:00 pm
St. Ann: Monday & Friday ----- 7:00 pm
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ----- 7:00 am
 Saturday ----- 9:00 am
St. Joseph: Monday - Friday ----- 8:00 am
Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament
 Monday - Friday ----- 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday ----- 1:00 to 1:30 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

From September to May
 Monday & Wednesday ----- 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

Mrs. Nancy Cichocki
Parish Catechetical Leader
 RE Office: 908-725-6339

Ann Marie Izzo
Director of Music Ministry
 908-930-4769

Eileen Fisher
Respect Life Comm.
 908-526-6568

Bob Skorny
Social Ministry
 908-526-2394

Maureen Montague
Altar Servers
 908-526-7982

March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We have begun our annual Lenten retreat together, and the readings for the first Sunday in this season set out the situation in which we find ourselves but also the key to overcoming it.

First, in the Book of Genesis, we see Adam, the first man, created and given his life breath by God, and placed in the Garden of Eden. When the first human beings came into existence, they reflected God in two important ways that no other earthly creature can – in their ability to reason (intellect), and in their ability to make choices (free will). And they were provided by their Creator with a home that was a true paradise. They lived in perfect harmony with each other, with the earth and its other creatures, and with God. They had everything they needed to be fulfilled and perfectly happy. But then, the serpent, the tempter, entered the scene. With cunning deception, he convinced our earliest ancestors that they would be better off going their own way rather than remaining obedient to the God who had made them and given them everything. And in that first sin, a quest to become freer resulted in enslavement to sin and shame. Every sin, every evil since then can be traced to that Original Sin.

This, however, is not the end of the story. In the words of St. John Henry Newman, in his Dream of Gerontius, "O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, A second Adam to the fight And to the rescue came." Jesus, the new Adam, not created from the earth, but born of the Virgin by the Holy Spirit, came to our aid. In Matthew's Gospel, we see that immediately after His Baptism in the Jordan, Jesus went into the desert and fasted for 40 days, in what became the pattern for our Lenten observance. There, he faced terrible temptations but, drawing strength from discipline and from union with His heavenly Father, He was victorious. And later, He was ultimately victorious over sin and death through His Cross and Resurrection, which we will celebrate when Lent comes to a close.

May our Lenten discipline bring us closer to God, and so give us the grace and strength we need to persevere in the pursuit of holiness, participating in the victory of Christ.

In Christ & St. Philip, Fr. Jeff

SATURDAY, February 29th, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:00pm Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, March 1st, First Sunday of Lent

8:30am Rosary Altar Society

10:30am Rita & George Collins r/o Perrin & Joe Moriarty

MONDAY, March 2nd, Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY, March 3rd, Lenten Weekday

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

CONFIRMATION AT HOLY TRINITY

No 7:00pm Mass at Holy Trinity

Daily Mass: St. Ann's at 7:00am

St. Joseph at 8:00am

Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament: 12:15pm

WEDNESDAY, March 4th, Lenten Weekday/St. Casimir

THURSDAY, March 5th, Lenten Weekday

FIRST FRIDAY, March 6th, Lenten Weekday

(World Day of Prayer)

7:00pm Theresa Pozarycki r/o Extraordinary Ministers & Readers

Jimmy Sunder r/o Marie Golembiewski & Family

Felice Cicchino r/o Wife, Maria & Children

Margaret (Maggie) Gilbert r/o The Fross Family

SATURDAY, March 7th, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

5:00pm Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, March 8th, Second Sunday of Lent

8:30am Holy Name Society

10:30am Beatrice Padian (30th Anniversary) &

Joe Padian (6th Anniversary) r/o

Daughter & Sister, Kathy McGill & Family

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are every Friday during Lent after the 7:00pm Mass.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Eugene Zelkovsky as lovingly requested by Friend, Yvonne.



WEDDING BANNS

Banns I – Jaclyn Roth & Christopher Rovere



JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF HOLY TRINITY in reciting the Rosary for World Peace & Justice on Tuesday's after the 7:00pm Mass.

Our Weekly Offering

February 22/23, 2020 - \$4,092.00 / 2019 - \$4,670.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Holy Trinity now offers Online Giving through eCatholic, an easy option for donating to the Sunday Collection. It's simple. Visit holytrinitynj.org/donate and follow the easy registration instructions.

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March 2 4:30 to 5:30pm Monday RE (Grades 1 to 7)

March 4 4:30 to 5:30pm Wednesday RE (Grades 3,5,6)

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

March 3 4:45pm Sharp Candidate reports to (Tuesday) (Church Basement/TV Room)

Sponsors report to assigned seat in Church 5:00pm Parents, Relatives, Friends should be seated in Church

Entrance of Candidates begins at 5:15pm sharp

Ministry Schedule

FEBRUARY 28/29/MARCH 1

7:00pm Mass & Stations
Fri. **Altar Server:** Matthew George
 5:00pm **Reader:** Lindsay Frevert
Sat. **Extraordinary Ministers:** George Ulassin and Charlotte Shipley
Altar Server: Chase Kedziora
 8:30am **Reader:** Sandy Kuklo
Sun. **Extraordinary Ministers:** Claire Russell and Margaret Chiselko
Altar Server: Kari La Canna
 10:30am **Reader:** Dawn Solari
Sun. **Extraordinary Ministers:** Mike & Charlene Tackvic
Altar Server: Alexandra Vicari
House Communion: Mike & Charlene Tackvic



MARCH 3

5:30pm ***Altar Servers:** (Report at 4:30pm)
Tues. Brother Steven Bolton, Tyler Gee, Christopher George, Matthew George, Timmy La Canna, Catherine Ulassin, Alexandra Vicari

MARCH 6/7/8

7:00pm Mass & Stations
Fri. **Altar Server:**
 5:00pm **Reader:** Mary Psak
Sat. **Extraordinary Ministers:** Emilio & Carol Suarez and Rebecca Majewski
Altar Server:
 8:30am **Reader:** Joseph Pagano
Sun. **Extraordinary Ministers:** Holy Name Society
Altar Servers: Holy Name Society
 10:30am **Reader:** Irene Fialkowsky
Sun. **Extraordinary Ministers:** Francine Giorello and Joseph & Doreen Marino
Altar Server:
House Communion: Francine Giorello

Pray for the Sick

To add a name please call the Parish Office at (908) 526-2394.

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| Irving Bennett | Marie Bobinets |
| Harry Corbin | Donna Hall |
| Frieda Helmstetter | Jim Kenely |
| Nicky La Rocca | Christine Otto |
| Rose Pluchino | Tom Russell |
| Red Scoloveno | Ruth Stives |
| Marion Wojcik | Sally Wojcek |



The Holy Name Society wish to thank our parishioners & guests for their support of our Parish Breakfast. We hope you enjoyed the food and the company of your fellow parishioners as much as we enjoyed preparing the breakfast. You made it a success.
 Chris Mariani, President



MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #1

CAPTAIN: Carol Suarez

Rebecca Majewski, Carol Martin, Sandra Garcia, Pat Thomason & Beatrice Samol

GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #1

CAPTAIN: John Papalski

John Caldarola, Charlie Moersdorf & Patrick Camperchioli

GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

WORK or PLAY

WORK – Monday or Friday, Bingo or Kitchen for a couple of hours a month
PLAY – Any Monday or Friday at 7:30pm Start Time

CALL - Bill at 908-267-5033

E-MAIL - willfly@optonline.net



YOUR CLOCKS BY ONE HOUR SECOND SUNDAY IN MARCH AT 2:00AM (March 8th)

The Parish Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners that regularly pray for your needs. Should a need for prayer to arise, please email Mary Raimondo at: babysis30@optonline.net.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The 8:30am Mass this Sunday, March 1st is for the Living and Deceased Members of the **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**. Their regular monthly meeting will be held after the Mass & Rosary over in the Parish Center.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The 8:30am Mass next Sunday, March 8th is for the living & deceased members of the **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**. Their regular monthly meeting will be held after the Mass in the Church Basement/TV Room.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – next weekend, March 7th/8th Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass and on Sunday after the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses in the Church Basement.

Calendar of Events

- until March 1 Stewardship Tree
- March 3 Confirmation
- March 4/11/18/25 "UNTOLD BLESSING Three Paths to Holiness" (St. Ann's, Raritan 7:30-9:00pm)
- March 6 Stations of the Cross (after 7pm Mass)
- March 14/15 Social Ministry Easter Baskets begin
- March 14/15,21/22 Kolach for Easter
- March 15 Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30am Mass)
- March 15 Eucharistic Holy Hour (St. Ann's)
- March 16 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- March 20-22 Rosary Altar Society Retreat (off-site)
- March 29 March Gathering



Infanticide Alert

"In his State Address on Jan.14th, Gov. Murphy called for legislation 'codifying a woman's full reproductive rights in state law.' This is the new pro-abortion mantra for legislation passed by NY and several other states allowing abortion on demand for any reason at any stage of pregnancy, with no protections whatsoever for babies who survive abortions. This is why passage of the NJ Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (A152/S462) is so critically important. Please email and call your 2 Assembly Members and State Senator and urge them to support A152/S462, The NJ Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act."

-NJRTL

"With a stroke of a pen, Gov. Murphy removed long-standing protections in law by signing Bill S3804/A5508. The law will force religious employers to cover abortion inducing drugs in their health insurance plans. Language in the bill specifically says, 'The bill removes the exemption in current law for religious employers to provide coverage for female contraceptives if the required coverage conflicts with the religious employer's bonafide religious beliefs and practices.'" Visit www.njrtl.org to see how legislators voted.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Food Pantry can always use non-perishable items. (Soups, peanut butter & jelly and canned fruit are needed for the winter.) Supermarket gift cards can also be used and can be dropped in the collection basket. We are grateful for your support!



The Knitting Club meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the Church Basement/Classroom #3. Supplies are available. For information please call Charlotte at 908-526-0477.



Pray for the Military

Catholic School 2020-2021 Tuition Assistance - Online Application Process Open

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2020. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



Looking to share your time & talents? Our parish ministries have some suggestions for you on the leaves of the stewardship tree in the back of the church. The leaves have time and contact information. Please take a leaf off the tree and commit to volunteering your God given talents this year.

The leaves on the tree are in numerical order top to bottom / left to right

1. Prepare a meal for the homeless
2. Pray for expectant mother and her baby
3. Family Project: Fill a diaper bag with needed baby supplies
4. Spiritually adopt an unborn baby and pray for the baby
5. Volunteer at the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center
6. Deliver baby shower items to Pregnancy Aid and Information Center
7. Pray for women who have suffered loss through miscarriage
8. Prepare requests for Easter Basket contents (make eggs) and/or Assemble Easter Baskets for Charity
9. Pray the Rosary with Rosarians on first Sunday of month after 8:30am Mass
10. Help an elderly Rosarian
11. Drive a disabled Rosarian to a doctor visit
12. Bingo Person-in-Charge on Monday night
13. Bingo Game Caller on Monday Night
14. Help make leaves for next Stewardship Tree
15. Bingo Sales Person on Monday night
16. Add your name to be called upon for a baked good or food item for church function
17. Bingo Sales Person on Friday night
18. Bingo Floor Worker on Friday night
19. Bingo Game Caller on Friday night
20. Make coleslaw, potato salad or macaroni salad for Bingo kitchen
21. Donate pickle spears or bread and butter pickles for Bingo kitchen
22. Work in the Bingo kitchen

FOR LENT...

FOR LIFE...

- Give up *complaining*... **focus on gratitude.**
- Give up *pessimism*... **become an optimist.**
- Give up *harsh judgments*... **think kind thoughts.**
- Give up *worry*... **trust divine providence.**
- Give up *discouragement*... **be full of hope.**
- Give up *bitterness*... **turn to forgiveness.**
- Give up *hatred*... **return good for evil.**
- Give up *negativism*... **be positive.**
- Give up *anger*... **practice patience.**
- Give up *pettiness*... **put on maturity.**
- Give up *gloom*... **enjoy the beauty that is all around you.**
- Give up *jealousy*... **pray for trust.**
- Give up *gossiping*... **control your tongue.**
- Give up *sin*... **turn to virtue.**
- Give up *giving up*... **hang in there!**



The Spring Highlights brochure for EWTN is available at all church exits. Programs of interest will feature Lenten reflections for March and Holy week programming and Easter celebrations during April. Feel free to take additional copies for family and friends.